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Chuck Winder'; 'Rep. James Holtzclaw' **Subject:** Oil and Gas Rule Making

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Last week I attended a meeting concerning Oil and Gas exploration and leasing in Gem County. As a citizen and land owner in Idaho, I am very concerned about things I heard during the meeting.

- Agents for multiple companies that are owned by the same corporation seem to be playing a game with owners of mineral rights. I heard the following complaints.
  - o Turning down an offer from one company, results in a better offer from another company giving the appearance of competition when it doesn't really exist.
  - o Agents not providing complete information and pressuring owners to sign.
  - Agents lying to owners about others who have already signed or not discussing how their signing a lease might affect their neighbors.
  - Agents not providing information about Integration at the 55% acreage mark under current rules.
  - No disclosure to owners about issues related to losing property value, health risks, insurance and mortgage risks, and visual/noise pollution.

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- The State should mandate a full disclosure document that the agents be required to present to the owner prior to discussing terms to lease their minerals rights.
- The Integration rule at 55% is a shame... We are not in a democracy, we are in a Republic! Just like bond voting it should require at a minimum a Super Majority at 67%. Wyoming is set at 75% which is the most reasonable considering the amount of mineral rights retained by state and federal owners.
- Federal owners of mineral rights should not even be considered in the equation. Mineral Rights Acres owned by the State and Private individuals in the Section should be the basis for the Integration percentage and Federal mineral rights will be Integrated based on the State and Private decisions. We are a sovereign state and we need to act like it.
- The State has been leasing their mineral rights and not informing the surface owners. The State should be under the same disclosure rules as the Agents from the Oil and Gas companies. There need to be significant protections for Surface Owners in the Sections where the State already has the Integration percentage required by Rules.

The purpose of Government is to protect the Rights of the People. Life, Liberty and Property are inalienable rights. The current Rules in effect and the abuses by Agents of the Leasing Companies indicate that Idaho is NOT doing its job as a Government. This is no different than the US Government allowing banks to use "Predatory Loans" and ensnare citizens in loans they could not afford because it provided them with financial gains. Furthermore, if the rules for Integration are changed, I believe that leases in the Sections at the current 55% should be rescinded and redone under full disclosure by the State and the Oil & Gas Agents.

I have attached my meeting minutes from Gem County and my State Representatives and Senator. If you have any questions, I am at your disposal.

Sincerely, Craig Campbell

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